

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-7 are now present in this application.

The specification and claim 1 have been amended, and claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over NAKAI et al., JP 07-216490 A. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over NAKAI et al. in view of JAPOOR, U.S. Patent 5,760,317. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 is characterized in that a weight member for a golf club head includes comprising the composition of molybdenum, nickel and tungsten to provide uniform metallographic phase of a WMoNi alloy casting in the precision casting process. Consequently, the composition of molybdenum, nickel and tungsten prevents the surface of the WMoNi alloy casting from precipitation of tungsten in the precision casting process.

By contrast, NAKAI et al. discloses a composition of molybdenum, nickel and tungsten suitable for a powder-metallurgy process and is unsuitable for a precision casting process. As for JAPOOR, this patent discloses a tungsten alloy made by tungsten powder in the powder-metallurgy process.

It is important to note that none of the references applied in the office action disclose or suggest a weight member for a golf club head comprising a composition of molybdenum, nickel and tungsten that prevents from precipitation of tungsten in the precision casting process.

One of ordinary skill in the art could not possibly, in the absence of hindsight, have conceived of using the composition of molybdenum, nickel and tungsten of NAKAI et al. to achieve such a composition for the precision casting process of the claimed invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

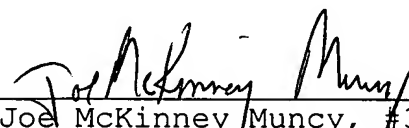
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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